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From Behind The Glass . . .

Carlisle is still the main sport attraction at present and draws have been running fairly well as scheduled. One sour note was added this week however when a protest was filed following a game Monday night. The skip and third man rink are reported to have taken their lunch to the arena and practiced for three hours before a scheduled game with the under-rated Law rink. We have no report as to whether a replay will be made; the score isn't available either. Wonder why?

Wednesday, Dec. 28th —

Gooding vs. Sorenson

Clarke vs. Sinclair

9:00 p.m.

Allen vs. Gillie

Gale vs. Snyder

Thursday, Dec. 29th —

7:00 p.m.

Morris vs. Pratt

Wardie vs. Evans

Barrett vs. Clayton

9:00 p.m.

Dubois vs. Sinclair

Law vs. Klein

Nuss vs. Snyder

Friday, Dec. 30th —

7:00 p.m.

Gooding vs. Klein

Gillie vs. Morris

9:00 p.m.

Clarke vs. Sorenson

Gale vs. Evans

No games scheduled for Dec. 28 or 29 on account of the holidays.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PLANNED

Redeemer Lutheran Church will again conduct its annual traditional Christmas Eve children's program on Saturday, December 24, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The program this year will feature recitations by the junior Sunday school children and a pageant entitled, "When Jesus Was Born" by the senior children. Pastor E. B. Fox will speak briefly on "The Nearness of God - The Very Meaning of Christmas." Many of the old familiar Christmas carols will be sung by the congregation and children.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, regular services will be held, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Fox has chosen the theme, for this blessed event, "Our Christmas Promise," based on the angel's hymn of praise: "Glory to God in the highest" - Luke 2:14.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church to join us in the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child.

CREMONA NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The United Church Sunday school held their annual concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th. Despite the extreme cold there was a good turnout. Mr. Alan Reid, Sunday school superintendent, was chairman. Miss Beverly Dunphy pianist. The beginners were a feature accompanied with their action songs. However all the children did extremely well. We enjoyed them and the program thoroughly. The eubs and scouts provided the much appreciated Christmas tree. Thanks boys.

Wayne Franklin was taken to the Didsbury hospital on Sunday running a fairly high temperature. The doctor says Wayne will be O.K. Sydney Foat is suffering from a broken wrist. The very worst part of this handicap is that it interferes with curling.

Speaking of curling the Cremona ladies are really getting under way this week. Most of the Cremona ladies are taking an active part in curling this winter. There are four rink.

Friends of Mr. N. Hewitt will be pleased to hear that he is back home for Christmas.

Gordon Camp has been visiting Roland and his mother for a couple of days.

The Carstairs Choir were out to provide a musical treat at the morning service on Sunday, Dec. 18. A hearty thank you is extended from the Cremona congregation.

The Cremona C. G. I. T. held their candlelight service on Monday evening, Dec. 19. It was a lovely devotional service and a source of inspiration to all who attended. The girls have had a busy week with practicing for their vesper service, scrubbing the church, helping prepare the candy bags for the Sunday school. Good going girls.

Cremona stores are contemplating closing at 9 p.m. Saturday evenings commencing first of the New Year.

DIDSBURY MARKETS

Butterfat

Delivery Bids at Crystal Dairy

Table	580
Special	600
No. 1	580
No. 2	320

ALL CARNIVAL PRIZES

HAVE BEEN CLAIMED

Two more lucky winners showed up last week to claim the last of the prizes put forward in the recently completed Shopping Carnival.

Full list of winners follows:

No. 20518 — a TV set, Mrs. Clayton Jackson.

No. 66613 — a chest of silverware, Mr. Wilmer Reist.

No. 37658 — an electric blanket, Mrs. Hugh Nelson.

No. 75106 — a Sunbeam toaster, Mrs. Kinloch Sr.

No. 10438 — a hostess chair, Mrs. Alan Krebs.

MR. AND MRS. KEN BURNS

ETED AT CHARVARI

The Burns' farm race was recently invaded when 10 cars, filled with well wishing friends from Didsbury, converged at the door with honking of horns, clatter of pans and hooting as of Indians on the warpath. However all eyes were restored when Grace and Ken, somewhat surprised, threw open the door and graciously welcomed their friends.

No one needed a second invitation to enter the warmth of their home, as it was bitterly cold without.

During the evening the hostess and host treated everyone to chocolate and displayed the interesting souvenirs they brought back from their recent trip to Honolulu. Ken promised to show in the near future, the colored slides, he shot on their travels. These pictures will be shown in the basement of the United Church.

Much merriment was made over the life-like demonstration of superman, staged by Bill Cowan and Carlton Leeson.

In a more serious mood, Mr. Parker on behalf of their friends congratulated Grace and Ken and wishing them the very best for the future, asked them to accept the parcelled gifts, that were waiting on the table as an expression of affection and good will.

Following the unwrapping of the many lovely gifts the honored couple very graciously expressed their thanks and liberally invited everyone to visit them again and again.

At the close of the evening a very bountiful pot-luck lunch was served before the visitors departed on their drive home.

Mr. John Pittsworth of Madden is a patient in the Didsbury hospital suffering from a heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hunsperger and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herd Dedel and Norma Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer and Mrs. E. A. Bartz were Calgary visitors Friday.

Miss Grace Hunsperger was a Thursday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hunsperger and family.

Mrs. Norman Weber has been a patient in the Didsbury Hospital for two weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weber returned home Sunday from Ontario. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome them and Mrs. Weber to the district.

The district and correspondent take this opportunity to wish the Editor and staff a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

MR. RANTON HOSTESS

KNOX UNITED W.M.S.

The Knox United W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Ranton Dec. 16 with 11 members and two visitors present.

Mrs. Clarke gave a reading comparing the good things of our life with that of primitive places.

Mrs. Thompson reported a total of 179 visitations made by the group during 1955.

The following slate of officers were elected for 1956:

President, Mrs. Stanton; 1st. vice, Mrs. E. Ranton; 2nd. vice, Mrs. C. Thompson; Treas., Mrs. B. Parker; sec., Mrs. K. L. L. L.

Stewardship, Mrs. R. Clarke; Com. friendship, Mrs. C. Thompson; temperance, Mrs. L. Roush; supply sec., Mrs. K. L. L. L.

Nicholl; vice-pres. younger groups, Mrs. R. McArthur.

Mrs. Clarke closed the meeting with an inspiring Christmas devotion. The next meeting will be at the Manse January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

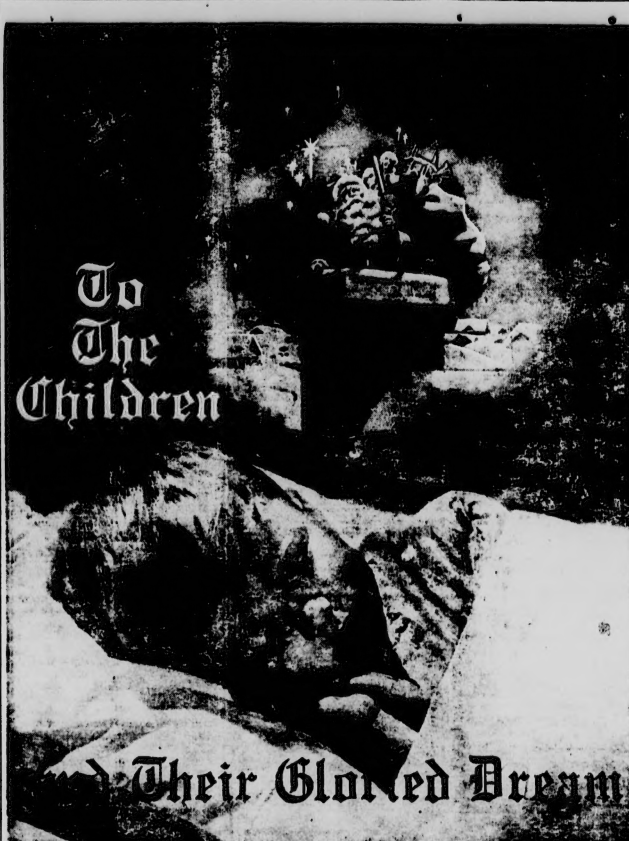
NO ISSUE OF PIONEER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

We're sticking to the old custom, no paper between Christmas and New Year's. At this time of year we feel our subscriber's need a rest from the regular issue. Sometimes we feel we need the respite as much as they do.

We'll be back on schedule, Thursday, January 5th.

Have a good, good Christmas!



Wish You Were There ? . . .

Christmas Scene Clouded By Death Of Four Old-Timers

W. R. (BILLY) COATES

Mr. W. R. Coates, old-timer, pioneer and rancher, died at his home Saturday, Dec. 17, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Coates was born Jan. 16, 1881 in Wisconsin and later immigrated to Olds. He married Elizabeth Fisher and in 1901 homesteaded nine miles east of Didsbury.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, William of Olds, Harry and Joim of Wardlaw, James of Cremona and Halley of Didsbury; two daughters, Mrs. Ed Ford and Mrs. Hazel Vane, also of Didsbury; one brother, George, of Spearfish, S.D.; one sister, Mrs. Ida Heideaman of Sioux City, Iowa, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Knox United Church, Didsbury, with Rev. T. J. Bountion officiating. Interment followed in Didsbury cemetery.

Mr. Coates will be greatly missed by all who knew him as a kind neighbor and a loving parent.

JOHN B. WORTHINGTON

Past president of the Didsbury West Mutual Telephone Company, John Barker Worthington, died at the family residence in Didsbury, Saturday.

Born in Crewe, England, Mr. Worthington moved to Strathmore in 1909. He settled in Didsbury in 1918 where he farmed.

Mr. Worthington was a member of Zion United Church and was interested in Sunday school work. He was also a member of the Olds FUA and was secretary of the Zella school for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth, Didsbury; six sons, Reg, Arthur and Dennis, Didsbury; John, Champion; Max, Vancouver; Kenneth, Grande Prairie; a daughter, Mrs. Maudie Geiger, Kitchener, Ont.; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Trelin, Seattle; Pat and Roy, Calgary; one sister, Mrs. Gerald Lake, Victoria.

Services will be held in Knox United Church Thursday, (today) at 2 p.m. with Rev. T. Anderson officiating. Burial will be in the Didsbury cemetery with McInnis and Holloway funeral home in charge of arrangements.

MRS. ALFRED BRUSSO

A resident of Didsbury, Mrs. Alfred (Anna) Brusso, 68, died in Didsbury hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Brusso was born in Bowdley, Ont., and moved to Nanion. In 1913 she settled in Didsbury.

Surviving are her husband, Alfred, Didsbury; a son, Alfred, Ottawa; two grandchildren, a brother, Elmer Sidney, Bowdley; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Forrester, Barnia; and Mrs. Myrtle Campbell, Detroit.

Rev. T. J. Stanton conducted services in Knox United Church, Tuesday at 2 p.m. Burial took place in Didsbury cemetery.

MRS. JANET STEVENSON

Funeral service by Rev. Anderson of Sundre were held at the Orme Funeral Home in Olds on Monday, December 19th for Mrs. Janet Stevenson, an old-timer of Sundre, who passed away in the Olds hospital on Dec. 14 after a short illness. She came to Canada from Scotland in 1925 with her husband and family to Vermilion, later to Airdrie and Shepard and had resided at Sundre for a number of years.

Her husband predeceased her in 1939, a son, Robert (Rusty) Stevenson was killed in July of this year.

She was a member of the United Church, Sundre, also of the W.A. and the W.I. and had taken many prizes for her knitting and rug making at the W.I. Conferences. She was known as grandma to her many young friends at Sundre.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three daughters, Mrs. Jess Leighton, Calgary; Mrs. Jess Leighton, Calgary; Mrs. Berkenstein, Cremona; one son, Steve; one adopted son, Gerald of Sundre; 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters in Scotland, two in U.S.A., one at Olds and one brother in Toronto.

BIRTHS AT DIDSBURY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Slawson of Didsbury Dec. 14, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Milne of Didsbury on Dec. 16, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cook of Bergen on Dec. 18, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luft of Didsbury on Dec. 18, a daughter.

STORES TO ENJOY

LONG HOLIDAY

Bosses and employees are getting an extra break this year with a long Yuletide holiday.

Stores will close Saturday at 6:00 p.m., and remain with doors shut until Wednesday, Dec. 28, when they will remain open all day.

New Year holidays, as reported to us, close the doors at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, open Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Next game is scheduled for Tuesday in Carstairs and the next home game for the locals will be against Crossfield on Thursday, Dec. 29th.

Didsbury Lineup: Goal, Art Jackson; Defence, Harold Kress, Glen Roberts, Sam Jackson, Andy Suchla, Carl Morris; Forwards, Ken Brown, Miller McCoy, Don Irwin, Adolph Neufeld, Harry Morash, Alfred Moesch, Bill Burke, Lloyd Devine, Cliff Miller.

IT HAPPENED . . . THEY SAY

The lady got out of her stalled car on a local street and marched across to the driver behind her. "I'll blow your horn," she said sweetly, "while you see if you can start my car."

Could be it's a true story!

Church Wednesday evening, Dec. 14 for their Christmas recital and party.

Linda Hedgraa opened the program playing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Then the beginners played their short pieces carefully and very well. Pupils from all grades played pieces learned during the fall term and all showed good progress had been made.

Lois Keim concluded the program with "Silent Night" from memory the "Peanut Dance".

At the request of the pupils, Mrs. Fulkert played the final movement from Beethoven's Fifth Sonata.

Mrs. Fulkert opened the many Christmas gifts, and thanked her pupils.

After the program a bountiful lunch was served by a few of the mothers and a gay party spirit prevailed.

C.P.R. Train Times at Didsbury

Northbound:

No. 621 Daily . . . 1:13 a.m.

No. 627 Daily . . . 7:25 a.m.

No. 625 Daily (Dayliner) 7:25 p.m.

Southbound:

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No. 628 . . . 4:57 p.m.

No. 622 Daily . . . 9:00 a.m.

Booster Hockey Game Jan. 2nd; To Give 50 Prizes

The hockey booster night which was cancelled last Saturday because of extreme cold weather, has been rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. with Carstairs providing the opposition for the local team.

As reported before there will be 50 prizes given away to lucky ticket holders during the contest.

It's a holiday, the players are all local lads, come out and support them and take home one of the numerous prizes.

Game starts 2:00, January 2nd!

ZELLA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLDS DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Zella W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. E. Walldorf with 13 members and three visitors present. Roll call was suggested roll calls for the coming year.

A donation of \$10 was to be sent to the Salvation Army. A \$10 donation was also voted for the Senior Citizens project.

Election of Officers: President, Mrs. H. Christensen; vice-president, Mrs. T. Spooner; sec-treas., Mrs. J. Johnston; auditors, Mrs. E. Hansen and Mrs. A. Walldorf; directors, Mrs. E. Walldorf, Mrs. E. Lowrie and Mrs. J. Baustad.

Four ladies had perfect attendance entitling them to a W.I. pin or silverware to the same value, namely Mrs. H. Christensen, Mrs. E. Lowrie, Mrs. M. Knights and Mrs. J. Johnston.

On Friday evening, January 13th Mr. Marsh of the Olds Co-op will be showing films, speaking on fertilizer and serving free coffee and doughnuts at the Zella Community Centre.

On Wednesday, January 11th Mrs. J. Johnston and Mrs. E. Lowrie will be co-hostesses for the next W.I. card party. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Baustad on Thursday afternoon, January 19th.

Didsbury Defeats Crossfield 7-2

Didsbury's entry in the Chinook Hockey League are right in contention with two wins and two losses.

Tuesday evening they put the run on Crossfield by a 7-2 score. Earlier they had won from Innisfail and dropped games with Carstairs and Red Deer.

In the last encounter scoring was done by Don Irwin with a trio of goals. Brown with two, and McCoy and Devine picked up singletons.

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Christmas Greetings

May the Christmas bells ring in a most happy season — May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of the community.

May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your faithfulness and kindness.

D. N. McDONALD — GEORGE — CLIFF MILLER

McDonald's Men's Wear McDonald's Agencies

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish to thank our many patrons for their past business and it is our desire that we may serve you again in the coming year.

Neapolis Co-op Service Station

YOUR IMPERIAL OIL AGENT

Harvey G. Neufeld, manager

Phone RS20, RR2, Didsbury, Alberta

Christmas Greetings

At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater, fuller service to our community to help enrich our own lives and those with which we come in contact.

Mountain View Co-operative Livestock Marketing Association

Local Agent: R. E. GILLRIE

Redeemer Lutheran Church

"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"

Didsbury, Alberta

May the Christ-child of Bethlehem, with all His blessings, find a hearty welcome in your heart this Christmas season and throughout the coming year of 1956.

THE PASTOR

RED & WHITE

SAVES YOU MONEY EVERY DAY

We take this opportunity to extend our patrons and friends everywhere our sincerest wishes for a happy Holiday Season. At the same time we wish to thank our many patrons for the opportunities we have had to be of service to them in 1955.

GUY BURKE — HAZEL TODD
C. M. CARTER

MANY THANKS

TO OUR MEMBERS AND PATRONS

For their support and Co-operation during the past year. We would also like to extend our best wishes for a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

— AND A —

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Neapolis Consumer's Co-operative
Association Ltd.

JOHN HOLUB, Manager



FOUNDERS NEW GERMAN ARMY: Theodor Blank stands beneath a huge replica of the black and white cross, traditional symbol of German military might, at Bonn, Germany, addresses the first group of volunteers of the new German army.

Christmas A Home Season

Christmas is essentially a home day. Children troop home from school, wildly excited about the day of all days. Young people from college or business have been looking forward to this for weeks. Those from a distance strive to make home at all costs. If they fail they phone one if they cannot get through on the phone they wire. The one thought which more than any other gripped the boys and girls in the forces was home. Home at Christmas — giving and receiving gifts, enjoying a Christmas dinner, just sitting around relaxed chatting about this and that and playing with the children, trying to make their mechanical toys work.

It is a wonderful day, for most people spent in the home. It may be a little cottage, perhaps a larger house or even a more pretentious building, but it is not the building that makes the home. It is the spirit of those who live inside its walls. The parents, brothers, sisters who are bound together in a common concern for each other.

It is hard for us who live in the twentieth century to think of a time when the home did not hold the affections and the interest of the family that it does today. But the family as we know it is a Christian institution. Before the Christian era children were all but ignored. They had to be fed and clothed, of course, but that was about all. Women too were the slaves of men. They had a very inferior place in the family.

Christianity changed all that. Jesus set a child in the midst of a crowd and gave him the position of prominence. Women too were given new status in the society that He established. The home is a Christian institution. Whatever good there is in it stemmed from the teaching of the founder of our faith.

It is a good thing once in awhile to remind ourselves of that, especially at Christmas when all the family will be together. We quite often forget the debt we owe to our religion. Christmas is a Christian festival. More people are thinking about this aspect of it than for many years. Make Christmas Christian is a good motto in turmoil needs a Christmas when in quiet relaxation, innocent joys, the intimate association of the home, happiness may be found.

There will be some who will try and stimulate a sort of false enjoyment by other than simple association of the family. There are always some of that kind. For them we have a bit of advice: keep sober, keep alive. A home, a Christmas can easily be wrecked if even one member gets into trouble with liquor. If you drink, do not drive, and if you drive, do not drink. Be safe and stay alive and make this a Christian Christmas.

Blood Donor Drop is Big Problem

How many organizations are faced with the problem of lost patrons as the Blood Transfusion Service?

Our files show a loss of nearly 30% of the donors each year so a corresponding number of new donors must be found each year to maintain ordinary hospital coverage. Time, effort and money must be spent in a continuous effort to find new donors while we continue to ask the former donors to donate again.

A survey of our active files shows that last year only 36 previous donors in every 100 returned. Some of these had donated three times but 62 did not appear at all.

It requires us that so many donors are content to be a one-time or infrequent donors. . . attending once and then letting others carry on the good work. It is surprising and regretful to realize that many people who were wartime donors are among our most ardent supporters. Some have records of 20 or 30 donations and can be depended on to come to each clinic. Unfortunately many of these donors are now, through age and other reasons, gradually dropping out. The real problem is a great need for young, regular donors.

Free Service

The Blood Transfusion Service is free and available to all in need and in an emergency is a life-saver. Only those who worked in hospitals and operating rooms before the BTS was introduced can fully realize the true value of immediate supplies. Relatives and friends of patients receiving blood these days do not go through the agony of finding donors and it is possible they have not had enough education on the replacement angle.

The blood bank must be maintained if emergencies and daily use are to be covered economically, and suggestions for donor procurement and education are always welcome. In the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, human kindness and trained personnel, together with miracles of science, work together to save lives.

Here in Didsbury the local hospital used 30 per cent more blood than was collected here.

CARM ACCIDENT

Mr. Butcher, of Brocket, met with a serious accident recently, reports W. H. Hood, Pool elevator agent at that point. The water pump in Mr. Butcher's truck was frozen one cold morning and he put in his hand to free it. As he did so the fan broke loose taking off four fingers on his right hand. Mr. Butcher already had the other hand in a cast when he broke when a hand weed sprayer flew up.

Mr. Hood says he thinks that the misfortune of Mr. Butcher should encourage other farmers to be more careful.

Buy Christmas Seals



Fight Tuberculosis

Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

As the Holiday Season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

BARRETT'S GARAGE

A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas seems to renew our obligation of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We are grateful for the patronage you have given us in the months past and we pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future.

J. F. Stevens

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As the Holiday Season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

Clarence's Shoe Shop

A Very Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year

We wish to thank all our customers and other friends for their kind co-operation and patronage during 1955 and extend
THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dickau Electric

May
the Joy
and Peace
of Christmas
bless your
household and
bring happiness to
those within and
to those who cross your
threshold during the
Christmas Season



UNITED GRAIN GROWERS

Canada's Original Farmer Co-operative 1906-1955

YOUR U.G.G. AGENTS —

S. H. (Sam) PRICE

J. L. (Les) LeGRAND

E. H. (Edward) WATKIN

A Very Merry Christmas

May the glorious light of Christmas joy shine upon you and those dear to you as you join together in celebration of this day.

Falk's Esso Service

Phone 1010

Didsbury

A Very Merry Christmas

Your confidence in our store is a source of great pride to us and to make sure that the confidence is not misplaced will hear primary interest in the year to come.

Blore's Jewellery**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year. Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other. Warmest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all.

Bill's Meat Market**Christmas Greetings**

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year — a time of giving and receiving — a time of joy and good cheer — a time when the spirit of good will fills the souls of men to say simply and sincerely the old fashioned, but tried and true —

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

Closed December 25, 26, 27

The Bright Spot**Christmas Greetings**

May Christmas bring joy, peace and contentment; And may the New Year be one filled with health and prosperity.

Your associations have made the past year happy for us and we trust these friendships will continue for many years to come.

Sunrise Coffee Shop

MR. AND MRS. K. WAUGH

Christmas Joy

It is with genuine appreciation, from the bottom of our hearts, that we wish you at this time cordial Christmas Greetings.

RAY and BETH CAMPBELL
EDNA WOUTERS IRMA HAVELICK
BEVERLEY JANZEN ALFRED JANS
FERN ECKSTRAND RUBBY DAGEFORD

**CAMPBELL'S FOOD STORE
PREMIER MEATS****DISTRICT NEWS****M.V.B.C. NEWS**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Only another day of school here until all the students and several of the faculty members will be gone, and some of us will be wondering what to do with ourselves. However, with Christmas so near we will be busy with many last minute preparations. I suppose Mrs. Kasey and Miss Marlene Sharran will leave for their homes at the coast on Thursday evening. President and Mrs. Taylor will so end the holiday week-end with Mrs. Taylor's mother in Edmonton. Miss Eby will spend several days of the following week with her sister, and relatives, in Red Deer. We know the holidays will not seem long enough, but we shall tell you more about them when they return.

A number of Gospel teams were out last Sunday. We failed to note that a group was sent to the Big Horn Indian Reserve west of Nordegg. Mr. Roy Corless, a last year graduate of the College is ministering there to the Indians with a great deal of success. The students reported a wonderful time and were intrigued with the possibility of singing and speaking to several old Indians who have responded to the Christian teaching of the ministers who have served there.

Our many friends will be most happy to know that the College has been able to secure a church model Hammond Organ. This was made possible because of a legacy left by Mrs. Ellen Crossman as a memorial fund. In order to reach the required amount for this lovely model a number of interested friends are giving memorials at one hundred dollars each. This amount will make it possible for them to have the names of loved ones placed on a bronze plaque thus memorializing them in a real sense. Mrs. Taylor played this for our Vesper service on Wednesday evening. A number of students are eager to take lessons on it, and no doubt Mrs. Taylor will have several learning to play this beautiful instrument. Students and faculty alike are thrilled with this instrument that has come to us so unexpectedly.

Mr. Peter Waldin presented a play by his speech class in the Evangelical church last Wednesday evening. This evening it will be presented at the hospital, and later in the evening at the school, at the annual Christmas party. It is always a pleasure to present a program at the hospital, and we trust this evening will bring much happiness to those who are ill there.

You may be interested to know that students from the College come from Washington, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. Some will be travelling long distances to get to their homes but we close on Thursday at 4 p.m. and open again January 3 at 9 a.m. This will give them time to travel and still enjoy a real visit with their folks.

Rev. Oren Traub, returned missionary from West Africa, is speaking in chapel each morning this week. His messages are most practical, and students and faculty are enjoying them very much. Mrs. Traub spoke recently. They will be returning the beginning of June 1956 to their field of labor. The mission in Africa has a school for the missionaries' children now, so that all of their children will be sent there when they return to Africa. But Rev. and Mrs. Traub are graduates of this College.

We are glad that the really cold weather has abated a little. We trust that all of our readers will have a blessed Christmas, and that the Christ Child shall be real to each one as this glorious season is celebrated.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING !!!

The biggest worry
In this world of
Toil and strife
Is picking the Christmas
Gift for an all too
Fussy wife.

NEW F.I.A. PRESIDENT

Arnold Platt, of Lethbridge, was elected president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta at Edmonton, succeeding Henry Young, retired under a five-year limitation of office clause.

Mr. Platt is a graduate in agriculture and worked for the federal government's department of agriculture for a number of years. He is now engaged in extensive farming operations on the Blood Indian Reserve. He has been director for P.U.A. District No. 14 for the past several years.

BERGEN NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Women's Auxiliary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church held a sale of handwork and home-made goods at the home of Mrs. Solveig Clarke on Thursday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kay Cook whose son was born Dec. 17 in the Didsbury hospital. We hope you will both be home for Christmas. Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Esther Shafer who underwent an operation this week in a Calgary hospital also to Mrs. Nell Tedford who is in the Olds hospital.

How low can that thermometer go? Some that register to 40 degrees below couldn't dip any lower Sunday morning. They say it was 50 degrees below in Sundre.

A number of local children saw Santa Claus arrive by plane in Sundre on Saturday. Was it cold up there Santa Claus.

Mrs. Solveig Clarke and Bobby motored to Poplar Valley to bring Mr. John Haug home for the Christmas season.

The Season's Greetings and best wishes to the Editor and staff and our readers.

WEST NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The bitter weather continues with the thermometer hovering around the 40 below mark on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bagshaw attended Lions in Calgary on Friday evening.

The Elktion Willing Workers held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Cammoe Wednesday of last week with most of the members present. Games were played and in the contest Mrs. P. Lutz was the winner, in the hat contest made from paper Mrs. Arnold Hogg was voted one best, with Mrs. Jack Bagshaw doing the modelling. A short business session, mostly about arrangements for the Christmas tree Tuesday evening, then gifts were exchanged. These were to be home-made, and a delicious lunch was served to end a very delightful meeting.

The district was shocked Sunday to hear of the sudden death of Mr. J. Westcott. Sympathy is expressed to the wife and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lutz (nee Marjorie) on their 10th anniversary.

WESTCOTT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Cecil Papke of Virden, Man., and Mr. Wesley Papke of Victoria, B.C., spent a few days recently with their father Mr. Herman Papke, a patient in the Holy Cross hospital, and also visited with their brothers and sisters here.

Best wishes are extended Mrs. Otto Folkmann who is on the sick list, for the festive season. Congratulations to Miss Eunice Sanderson and Mr. William Ekelund who were married on Wednesday. The Westcott W.L. group entertained their husbands and families on Friday evening also at a buffet supper, this was followed by some carol singing and other items of entertainment, all was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weidner were Calgary visitors one day last week. This correspondent wishes all the readers of her "Notes" and everyone generally a very Merry Christmas.

EAST NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Neufeld and Norman of Acme were Dec. 11 visitors with Mr. and Mrs. P. Schumaker. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson were business visitors in Calgary Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kryklywyj motored to B.C. to spend a month at the home of their parents. Mr. Kryklywyj's father has not been very well and a speedy recovery is sent out to him.

Miss Lorraine Rushmore is leaving tomorrow for her home in Rock Creek, B.C. to spend the Yuletide holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross of Indus, Alberta were Sunday visitors with Helen Birdale and Sam McAllister.

Christmas Greetings

Christmas seems to renew our obligation of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We are grateful for the patronage you have given us in the months past and we pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future.

Herb Sinclair

**Christmas is a thousand things**

It's a winter's night, and an angel song . . . a giant star, and a tiny stable . . . a manger, and straw, and swaddling clothes.

Christmas is a chime . . . a boy soprano, and Silent Night . . . carolers, and The First Noel . . . the tinkle of a bell on a sleigh, of a coin in a cup.

Christmas is Dickens, and Scrooge, and Tiny Tim. It's holly on the door, a candle in the window . . . the scent of pine, and the sparkle of tinsel.

Christmas is red and green, and blue and silver. Christmas is white.

Christmas is cards, and ribbon, and tissue paper. It's a trip home, an open latch, and a handshake. It's giblets, and biscuits . . . cranberries, and mince-meat pie.

Christmas is cold and warmth . . . forgiveness, and a smile.

Christmas is a prayer . . . a renewed plea for an ardent hope . . . For Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

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It's Christmas Time !!!

The clock makes no armistice, the hour is gone forever once the hand travels the measured distance. We are all a year older than we were when we saw Santa last.

We'll leave the clock for a moment and take it from there: as we have mentioned before, it is more than difficult to compose a Christmas message that could be new or different to anything that has already met your eyes or your mind. The spirit, the thought and the message remains the same through the years. It's only the words, the difference in expression, that change.

Coupled with Christmas and the New Year and the joy of looking forward, there is always a certain wistfulness as we look back over the old year and reflect on all the pleasures and sorrows it has brought up.

So as we go over the hours, days and months of 1955 let's go back, pause here and there — and remember.

The journey has not been all sunshine. There have been days of storm and struggle — tears. Lives shadowed by personal grief. Homes clouded by the departure of a loved one.

Above all things, one fact is clear. Whether it be in the home of a rich man or the home of a poor man, life must go on. It never stands still. Grief brings us face to face with reality, but reality is not always harsh. It helps us to see life as it really is. It renews our faith and inspires us to greater endeavor.

The longest journey, however straight and monotonous the way, brings its surprises. So it was with the days of the year that are slipping away. No two were alike.

Though much has changed in the past twelve months, much has endured. The fortitude and unflinching good humor of the people of this land, their kindness and sympathy. Come what may, these things will never perish.

With these thoughts in mind, we now take this opportunity of wishing all our friends, readers, business associates and our faithful correspondents, a very Happy and Bright Christmas and the best of everything for the New Year.

Christmas Greetings

As the holiday season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

Jay Tuggle

Christmas Greetings

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By The Way

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"CHRISTMAS"
It was a small farm house. There were two large lilac bushes in front, one on either side of the door. The house itself had a bedroom, a pantry and a kitchen, upstairs and two rooms in the attic. When the children came down on Christmas morning they did not look for stockings or a Christmas tree. They looked towards the table instead. It was the custom in that home to put a plate at each place for each member of the family and a larger one in the center of the table for Santa. There was always a lunch on this.

There had been sickness and loss on the farm that year. When the children came down on Christmas morning they each found a five-cent handkerchief, a five-cent box of candy and popcorn on each little plate. That was a great Christmas. Why? Because it was just that much more in the way of a gift than they received on other mornings. The world remembers a manger babe for exactly the same reason. Because on that first Christmas morning the world received so much more by the way of a gift than it had ever received before. Ever since then this old world has had a larger and warmer place in its old heart for people, especially for mothers and children.

During a night on the western front one army drew back. The other army moved forward. When day dawned there was plainly visible between those lines of combat one little farm house. The big army began to fire but soon ceased. Why? Because a small child could be seen in front of that little house playing with a kitten.

Every soldier could remember a little home with a little child at play. Christmas always comes with the suggestion that this is a good time to halt in the midst of life's career to consider the results that are certain to follow our way of living, and to reconsider our attitudes and actions in the interests of peace and good will.

Bobby was a Sunday school boy. He read the Christmas story. They always had family worship in his home. He woke up one Christmas morning or thought he did, to find no stockings hanging on the tree. He went for a walk and to his surprise, everybody was working. He looked for the children's home and saw only a vacant lot. The hospital also was not there, and on his church door there was a sign which read "For Sale." He ran home and poked at his Bible, but in the section where he had so often read the stories of Jesus there were but blank pages. He began to cry. He then awoke from his dream and heard a voice say to him, "Bobby, this is what the world would be like with out Christ at Christmas." "We do not want to be without their blessings do we? What shall I give him, poor as I am?"

"If I were a shepherd I would give him a lamb."
"If I were a wise man I would give him my part."
But such as I have I give him my heart."

A Merry Christmas, Dear Readers To one and all!

PROGRESS WITH TOUGH PROBLEM

Take a look at those Unemployment Insurance offices. You don't see them so quiet again until next summer. But indications are they won't be so busy as last year, says The Financial Post.

Last winter unemployment hit a postwar high and loud was the racket about it all. In a country with Canada's climate and seasonal dislocation of employment is inevitable. On the other hand, it is equally certain that something can be done to reduce winter layoffs.

For instance: Seven bar-name associations have lined up behind the Canadian Construction Association. They represent labor, employers, engineers, housebuilders and architects. And they are studying ways to keep construction workers on their jobs during the cold weather months.

This is good news.

Notes From D.A.

By Howard J. Fulcher

The Holiday Season is with us again. It is a time of rejoicing, a time of entertaining, a time to pause and reflect on the past year. During 1955 Mr. McPhail, who has now retired from this office, Mr. Sutherland, who worked during the summer months and myself have had the privilege and opportunity to serve you from this office.

This past year a fairly bountiful crop was successfully harvested by men and women of this great agricultural industry. There have been trials and tribulations during the year, there are still many problems confronting the farmers today. The courage and initiative of agricultural men will, as they have done before, triumph over these adversities.

Now with Christmas and the different activities which are carried out to celebrate its meaning good-will reigns supreme. Each of us in our own occupation see the value and appreciate the goodwill and fellowship of our associates and acquaintance.

I am grateful for the pleasant association I have enjoyed the past year with you and look forward to the coming year in which more acquaintances will be made.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright Prosperous New Year.

Squirrel Cage ...

W. C. Fields was asked if he believed in clubs for women. "Yes," he replied, "if every other form of persuasion fails."

The famous psychologist had finished his lecture and was answering questions. A meek little man asked, "Did you say a good poker player could hold down any kind of executive job?"

"That's right," answered the lecturer. "Does that raise a question in your mind?"

"Yes," replied the little man. "What would a good poker player want with a job?"

The minister told his congregation: "There is a certain man among us who is having an affair with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection was emptied, there were nineteen five dollar bills, and two singles, clipped together with a note: "Other three payday."

A Very Merry Christmas

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NOTES
By
W. K. SNYDER
Agricultural
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Our message to you this week is short, definite and succinct. It is the wish of the Agricultural Service Board and myself that you and yours should enjoy a very merry Christmas season. We also wish you a full measure of peace, happiness and prosperity all through the year that lies just ahead.

Rules For
Holiday Driving

One of the greatest problems facing our Canadian communities today is that of traffic safety. This problem, acute at all periods of the year, is intensified during the Christmas New Year's Holiday Season when thousands of car owners and pedestrians forget their normal safety precautions to partake in the many festivities of the season.

During recent years, the chief magistrates of the cities have, at this time of the year, issued special announcements or proclamations urging their citizens to observe safety rules and take all necessary precautions to avoid unnecessary accidents. As a result of this concerted interest in safety, traffic deaths were reduced by almost fifty per cent during the last holiday season.

Even today, however, many citizens are not aware of the peril which faces them at this time of the year. December is always the worst month of the year for car accidents because of the combination of winter driving conditions and the holiday spirit. Extreme caution is necessary during this particular period.

No community wishes to have its holiday season marred by accidental death. No community can afford the loss of a single citizen. Fully aware of their responsibility to their fellow-citizens, civic officials are therefore, warning them at this time to take special care. In some cities, this warning is issued by the Chief of Police, in others by the Mayor and in many, by both these leaders of the community.

This year safety experts in Canada and the United States have agreed upon a simple code of driving behavior that it is hoped will save many lives. May we hope that in some form it will be passed on to the citizens of this community.

1. If you are going to celebrate, it is safer to leave your car at home and use a bus or taxi. This is especially true if you plan to accept alcoholic beverages. Never drive if you drink.
2. If you are going to a family religious gathering or party, leave your home early so that you will not be obliged to drive too quickly. Even if you fail to leave on time, watch your speed. On icy streets or in heavy traffic, fast driving may mean sudden death.
3. When you entertain or are being entertained, if you take "one for the road," make it strong coffee of some other alcohol-free beverage, never alcohol.
4. Be considerate about your guests who may be unable to drive. Arrange other transportation for them so that they will reach home safely and will not be a menace to other drivers or pedestrians.
5. If you are driving, be careful of pedestrians many of whom may be carrying parcels and may also be tired or in a hurry to get home.
6. Remember, courtesy is the best kind of good wishes you can extend to other motorists, to your guests or to pedestrians. Don't argue about the right of way. Be considerate and be moderate and you'll enjoy a happy holiday season and be alive on New Year's Day.

LIGHT YOUR WAY
WITH BIBLE STUDY

Christmas has traditionally been a festival of light. Today the electrical capacities of many cities, towns and hamlets are taxed to the utmost to supply the necessary current for this brilliant illumination. And that is all to the good.

But in the midst of the lights of Christmas, let us not miss the LIGHT of Christmas. Christ is that light. Every ray of cheer that has any promise of endurance, every beam of brightness that can effectively banish the shadows of spiritual darkness, has its point of origin in the Babe of Bethlehem.

"Only the Son of God could say: 'I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' John 8:12.

Will Christmas find you basking in the LIGHT of Christmas, or only in the lights? The lights will flicker, snow dim and finally be turned out — gone. Darkness will again engulf mankind, even as it engulfs the countryside. But if you have the LIGHT, Jesus Christ, burning in your heart, the blessings of Christmas will light your way for the balance of this year and years to come, for this life and that which is to come.

Light a candle on the altar,
Light a light most bright and clear;
Light a light that shines most glorious
For the Savior now is here!

WESTERDALE NEWS

(From Our Dan Correspondent)

The annual election of officers for the Willing Workers organization was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. J. Jackson with fifteen members present. Roll call was answered with "Christmas Customs in Other Lands."

It was decided to table the decision of whether to continue the card party's till the next meeting.

The financial statement was read with net proceeds totalling approximately \$18.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. L. Jones; vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Jackson; Treas., Mrs. S. Jackson; secretary, Mrs. A. Jones; and Miss Caplan. Appreciative thanks was extended to all retiring officers.

The birthday boy was opened and going total \$58.

The tea money potter prize was won by Miss Doris Bachous.

A cup and saucer gift exchange was held prior to the serving of lunch.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Herbert with roll call being a penny for every letter in your name.

Pive tables of whist were enjoyed at the hall on December 8 when additional prizes were given. Top honors went to Mrs. A. Jackson and Mr. F. J. Jackson. Second prizes to Miss Kathleen Egans and Mr. J. E. Bolton. Congratulations to Mrs. D. Landeen and Mr. A. Jones. Door prize to Mrs. L. Jones and Mr. Ben Kershaw. Following the lunch a presentation of a card table complete with cards was presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. Braun of Zella as a wedding gift from several district families.

Allen's orchestra will play for a dance at the hall on December 28.

The wife heard the telephone ring and heard her husband answer it. She was puzzled to hear him say, "I don't know. Why don't you call the Weather Bureau?" After he had hung up, she asked, "Who was it dear?"

"Some sailor, I guess. He wanted to know if the coast was clear."

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CHRISTMAS

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Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

MANY THANKS

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In genuine appreciation of your co-operation during the year just closing and in the strong belief that we shall be of greater service to you in the next twelve months, we send you a cordial wish for a Christmas of good cheer and a happier, brighter New Year.

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NOTICE TO DIDSBURY W.I. MEMBERS

The meeting for January has been changed to the eleventh (11th) of the month instead of the 14th.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

From Our Own Correspondent

Would like to extend to the editor and staff and all the readers of the Mountain View News a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as I have the flu this week and there will again be no news in this space. Thanks again to all who gave me news through the year.

NOTICE

The Municipal Council of Mountain View No. 49 has approved the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board in directing that all heifer calves between the ages of 4 to 10 months inclusive shall be vaccinated with a Brocella Abortus Strain 19 vaccine. Vaccination of heifers at an age greater than 10 months shall be done with the consent of the owner and at the discretion of the Agricultural Service Board or a Veterinary Inspector.

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NOTICE

Mt. View Livestock Association will not accept cattle for shipment on Monday, Dec. 26.

NOTICE

Joe Dick and R. E. Gilbride would like to announce that they will be leaving home on Monday, Dec. 26th.

DANCE

LONE PINE HALL
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OTTO F. SKAAR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of DOROTHY BERTHA WOOD, late of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named deceased, DOROTHY BERTHA WOOD who died on the 27th day of June A.D. 1955, are required to file with Henry F. Galvin, the undersigned Solicitor, by the 28th day of January A.D. 1956, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date, the Executors will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been filed or which have been brought to their attention.

DATED at the Town of Olds in the Province of Alberta, this 8th day of December A.D. 1955.

Henry F. Galvin, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Dorothy Bertha Wood, deceased, c/o P.O. Box 192, Olds, Alberta.

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Didsbury



The Season's Greetings

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we extend best wishes for a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

CREMONA NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

(Intended for last week)

Bruce Hewitt is in the Castor Hospital with a broken hip. He has the cast fitted and was visited Sunday by his wife Olive and Mrs. Jack Betts.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid, of Cremona on December 9, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown of Cremona on December, a son.

Mrs. Justina Simpson returned from the Holy Cross hospital on Tuesday, December 6. She spent the remainder of the week with her daughter Mrs. Robert Fairburn. Sure it is nice to see her back and doing so well. She had as visitors on Friday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. M. Turnbull and Maxine, Mrs. G. Lane and Marion and Mrs. R. Mark.

The Credit Union board meeting was held at the residence of the president, Mr. P. Rodway on Thursday evening. The date of the annual meeting was set for the 17 of February. It is to be an afternoon meeting with a free show as a feature attraction. Mrs. Rodway served a delightful lunch at the conclusion of the meeting.

The C.G.I.T. held their regular weekly meeting on Monday. They are practicing for their Vesper Service to be held in the United Church the evening of December 19th.

Mrs. Percy Sirt, of Water Valley was in to see the doctor last Friday. He sent her home to bed for two weeks. Apparently she has had a heart attack a while ago and her heart has been damaged enough to necessitate some bed rest.

Friends of Mrs. Charlie Reid will be pleased to learn that she is looking and feeling better than she has in a long time.

Curling enthusiasts will be active at their favorite sport this week. The draw for the rinks has been set for December 12th.

Dave Moore has had his X-Rays read and stomach ulcers are what have been bothering him. Dr. McKenzie assures him they are curable without undergoing surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crushank were on their way home to visit Nola's folks when they hit a bit of ice and rolled off the bridge into the Little Red Deer river. Fortunately neither were hurt severely.

Mr. Colin MacFarquhar is also in the Didsbury hospital.

Out-of-town visitors, sharing the sorrow of Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin at the funeral of their son on Monday were Grandma Casebeer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cozens from Morrin, Mrs. Irvin Schaefer from Drumheller, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaefer, Mr. Bill Casebeer from Carstairs, Mr. Raymond Franklin, Mrs. Lorne Grant and Mrs. Ezra Berscht from Calgary.

Mrs. Stan Coleman is in the Didsbury hospital troubled with a closed heart valve. She is to be allowed home for Christmas but will have to return to the hospital for a while after Christmas.

Jack Fry has been home a couple of weeks. He's been waiting for a phone call to go back to work, but in the meantime he came in mighty handy helping the neighbors saw wood. A convenient vacation. Jack, for the neighbors anyway. Jack went back to work at Nanton on Monday.

The Cremona school principal, Mr. Meyer has been in the Didsbury hospital two weeks. He is to be back at work Dec. 12 we understand.

Christmas Seals fight T.B.



Rocky Marciano, heavyweight boxing champ, gives Babe Zaharias a one-two handshake in wishing her speedy recovery from her latest bout with cancer. Rocky visited her briefly at Tampa, Fla.

CHURCH NOTICES

Fallen Timber Foursquare Church
Fallen Timber School
Rev. R. and Rev. C. Moore
Co-Pastors
Young Peoples Service 8:00 p.m. (every Friday)
Sunday Church Services—11 a.m.
Sunday School—12:15 p.m.
Come and bring your friends.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Rev. A. E. Stickle, Pastor
Sunday Services:
10:30 a.m. — Worship Service
11:30 a.m. — Sunday School
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service
Wednesday Evening 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

BEIHEL SERVICES
Sunday Services
2:00 p.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Worship Service
Youth Fellowship, Friday 8:00 p.m.
The Pastor and Congregations extend a sincere welcome to all. Come and worship with us.

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The Church of the Lutheran Hour
REV. E. B. FOX, Pastor
Divine Services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Rev. Ray Shantz, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Preaching, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

ANGELICAN MISSION OF OLDS SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday School, 11 a.m. every Sunday.
Second Sunday in the month: 7:30 p.m.—Didsbury.
Fourth Sunday in the month: 11:45 a.m.—Didsbury.

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WESTCOTT JUNIOR W. I. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The December meeting of the Westcott Jr. W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Bill Bonner, December 13, with all members and two visitors present. Roll call was answered with a penny for each year of our age. A thank-you letter was read from Mrs. Bob Hughes. Suggestions for the 1956 program were given and the new slate of officers elected as follows: President Mrs. Bill Weidner, Secretary, Mrs. Henry Wislousky; reporter Mrs. A. Sletten; directors, Mrs. Bob Dubois, Mrs. Bill Weidner and Mrs. Bill Bonner; Girl's Club Leaders, Mrs. Ted Topping and Mrs. Bernal Rinehart.

The bit of fun was supplied by Mrs. Adam Konshuh, and the 1956 programs begun. Lunch was served.

LUTHERAN PASTOR INSTALLS NEW MINISTER

On Sunday, December 11, Rev. E. B. Fox, in his capacity as Visitor of the Calgary Circuit of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, installed Rev. F. Stark as pastor of Jehovah Lutheran Church, Calgary. In the afternoon service Pastor Fox spoke on "The High Office of the Ministry" to a capacity-filled church of 600. In the evening service he addressed an audience of 200, speaking on "The Biblical Exhortation to Elders and Congregations." Pastor Fox was assisted in the act of installation by all the Pastors of the Calgary Circuit: Rev. V. Hennig, Montgomery; Rev. A. F. Miller and Rev. N. Ebert, Calgary; and Rev. J. Shultz, Drumheller.

The further the work of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Pastor Fox has just completed a visitation of each congregation in the Calgary area, speaking to the members

Trial . . .

We are not promised easy roads to fare.

It was not said life should be struggle free.

Burdens there are for every man to bear. Pain is the symbol of mortality. Who suffers, lives! Who neither hopes nor fears

And is not conscious that his joys may cease

Has joined the dead of all the ancient years.

For in the grave is only perfect peace.

We grow by strife, by faith in doubtful days.

By courage in the presence of despair.

Those splendid virtues men are quick to praise

Are fashioned by the burdens which they bear.

The living suffer, and the wise men know

That out of struggle conquest is attained.

Faith holds them fast through all storms which blow

And there's no loss but something else is gained.

— Edgar A. Guest

on the new program of the Lutheran Church, known as the Vantage of Faith. This program calls for a budget of \$12,900,000 to do the work of the Church at home and abroad, for the year 1956.

Currently, Pastor Fox is arranging to serve the Trochu parish which has become vacant since Rev. F. Stark accepted a call to Calgary. Plans are also well advanced to begin service in Sundre in the very near future.



As we enjoy to the fullest the joys of a happy Christmas Season, and await the coming of the New Year, we pause and look back with joy over the closing twelve months, to new friendships formed and old ones grown stronger. Looking toward the future, we are grateful to folk like you who have in many ways made our journey through the past a pleasant one. Please consider this our pledge to merit your continued patronage.

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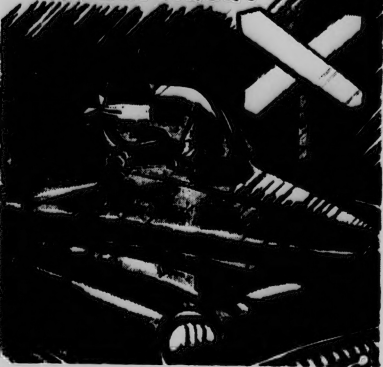
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Charlie Spreeman

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The Yuletide Season brings with it pleasant thoughts—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material. It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendship we are truly grateful.

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

— and a —

A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR

Law's Drug Store

Little Items of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birkett of Prince Albert, Sask., arrived this week to spend the festive season with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Branley and Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKinley of Calgary, will be Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dougherty and family will be holiday visitors with the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald of Calgary.

Dr. H. C. Leamer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Leamer and family of Calgary and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pearson and David of Bashaw, will be Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Halliday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stiles and family will be Christmas guests of the former's mother, Mrs. J. M. Stiles of Edmonton.

Mr. Cameron Wordie of Edmonton, arrives Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wordie.

Miss Marilyn Reiber of Vancouver, B.C., arrived home last weekend to spend the festive season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reiber.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grange and Mrs. C. E. Law of Hartmann will be Christmas guests at the George Law home.

Mr. Bob Bussard, who has been stationed with the Royal Canadian Navy at Esquimalt, B.C., has been transferred to Halifax. At present, he is enjoying a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bussard.

Students expected to arrive home this week for the Christmas holidays are: Violeta Wainlin, Pat Halliday, Beverly Wiggin, Viola McNaughton, Maxine Hoesgood, Ester Ann Devine, Norman Archer, Gordon McNaughton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Robertson and Lindsay McFarquhar.

Miss Peggy Morgan of Ottawa arrived home this week to spend for a month with her family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Auger and family of Grand Prairie, will be holiday visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Andrews.

There will be no garage service in the town on Sunday, Dec. 25th.

Mrs. C. L. Sorenson received word last week of the death of her mother, Mrs. E. Kemp, of Bromley, England.

The Moravian Church (West of Didsbury) will hold its Sunday school Christmas program on Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at 8:00. Everyone welcome. Christmas Day Sunday school and service at 11:00 a.m.

St. Anthony's Altar Society held their raffle for the black heifer calf on Sunday after church. The winner was E. R. Fisher with ticket No. 466.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Asquith of Regina are spending the Christmas holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Asquith.

Cyril White, who formerly lived at Sunnyslope and took part of his schooling in Didsbury, has been commanding officer in charge of an air-raid base at Gros Taquin, France for the past year and is still stationed there. His sister, Eileen, is in Bolivia where her husband is a professor of Spanish at the University in La Paz. Eileen also speaks Spanish.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Coates of Springfield, S.D., arrived here early this week to attend the funeral of the former's brother, Mr. W. H. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Banta of Calgary will be holiday guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shannon.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The ever-present power of the Christ, Truth, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday. Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem at the time of the nativity of Christ Jesus will be featured in the responsive reading. "Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon.

Among the passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be following:

"To those leaning on the sustaining infinite today is big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd before the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the night, and came where, in eroded obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus. At across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being." (pref., vii, 1-10).

Coming Events

—There will be a New Year's dance at Rugby hall on Dec. 30; Merry-maker Orchestra. Admission: gent's 75c, ladies 75c. 50-2tc

—Annual meeting of Rugby Recreational Society will be held on January 9 at 8 p.m. in Rugby hall. 50-2tc

—The Evangelical Church Choir will present their Cantata film strip pageant, "Joseph and the Nativity," on the evening of Dec. 23 at 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

—There will be a New Year's Eve Dance at the Melvin Hall on Dec. 31. Dancing from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Krebs' Orchestra. Everyone welcome.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Rev. T. J. Statton, M.A.

Sunday, December 25
Knox Church School 11:00 a.m.
Knox Evening Worship 7:45 p.m.
Christmas Carols and a Message

—There will be a service at the St. Cyprian's Anglican church Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m. Olds Junior choir will render special music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Nichol, will be Christmas guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nichol, of Calgary.

Mr. Murray Kendrick of Regina and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kendrick, will be holiday guests of the Robert Dawkins family of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke and family will be Christmas guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noad of Olds.

All churches, here and everywhere in the free world, will be holding Christmas services on Christmas Day. Attend the church of your church, but make sure you are in the congregation at some place of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Allen and family will spend the festive season with friends in Calgary.

Mrs. E. Ranton will be a Christmas guest of Miss Chamberlain in Edmonton.

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